



Division of MH/DD/SAS

**Update to the Legislative
Oversight Commission on
MH/DD/SAS:
Division Reform Activities
Since 1/18/05 Meeting**

September 21, 2005



Activities to Transform Service Array



Outpatient Therapy Changes

- **Received approval from CMS for State Plan Amendment (SPA) to expand types of outpatient therapists directly enrolled to serve Medicaid population**
- **Began implementation in February, 2005**
- **Final transition phase completed 9/1/05 with enrollment of outpatient therapists still employed by LMEs**



State Medicaid Rehab Option Plan Changes

- **Posted Proposed State Plan changes for 45 day public comment period**
- **Submitted SPA in May, currently under review by CMS.**
- **Target Implementation Date will be established following CMS approval**



Other State Plans in Process

- **Targeted Case Management for DD – SPA submitted to CMS**
- **Residential Services for Children – modifies definition to comply with pending administrative rules. To be submitted to CMS in early October**



Comprehensive CAP-MR/DD Waiver

- **New comprehensive 1915 (c) waiver approved by CMS in July and implemented September 1, 2005**
- **New CAP-MR/DD Manual in final stages of approval**
 - **Following final approval, will also produce a consumer and family version of Manual**
- **Currently addressing implementation issues**



Developing Self-Directed Waiver for Persons with DD

- **Plan to submit to DMA for review and approval by 10/1/05**
- **Target Implementation date 7/1/06**
- **Based upon surveys recently completed by consumers on existing waiver, as many as 1000 individuals may be interested**



Child Residential Services

- **Participated with DFS in review of 100% of licensed child residential treatment Level II and III providers**
- **Developed new rules for Level III, Level IV and PRTF services**
- **Commission on MH/DD/SAS approved new Level III rules on 5/18/05**
- **Rules currently pending approval by Rules Review Commission**



Activities to Transform Provider Community



Finalized Provider Enrollment Process and Procedures

- **With approval of pending SPA all Providers will directly enroll in Medicaid**
- **Goal: Increase consumer choice and improve access.**
- **In Medicaid program, consumers have freedom of choice of any “willing and qualified provider”**
- **Developed provider endorsement process to assure enrolled providers are qualified**



Provider Endorsement

- **Providers will be endorsed by LME prior to enrollment using standardized processes and procedures, agreements, applications, timeframes, etc.**
- **Providers receive endorsement for each physical location and each service provided.**
- **DMA participation agreement provides for cancellation of Medicaid enrollment if LME removes endorsement for cause.**
- **Established transition timeframes. All providers – new and existing – endorsed statewide during established phase-in timeframe**
- **Providers will continue to bill through LME for State funds, at least until implementation of new MMIS (NC LEADS)**



Training on New Services

- **Held 3 statewide orientation sessions for providers & LMEs**
- **Recruited and provided “train the trainer” training 100 potential trainers**
- **Training currently underway through contracts with UNC**



Other Provider Issues

- **DMHDDSAS and DMA staff met with various groups of providers to assess adequacy of proposed rates for new & modified services and adjusted rates accordingly**
- **DMHDDSAS developed and distributed provider survey to receive input on challenges & opportunities providers are facing**
- **Developed curriculum for training Certified Peer Support Specialists**



Activities to Transform Institutional Services



State Hospitals

- **Broke ground on new Central Regional Hospital on April 21, 2005**
- **Selected Dr. Patsy Christian as Director of new Central Regional Hospital**
- **Named Dr. Jim Osberg as Director of Dorothea Dix Hospital to replace Dr. Terry Stelle who will retire 10/1/05**
- **Currently recruiting for new directors for Cherry & John Umstead Hospitals**
- **Announced relocation of Deaf Unit at Dorothea Dix Hospital to Broughton Hospital in anticipation of closure of Dix.**



State Developmental Centers

- **Worked with providers, LMEs and Centers to turn responses to Division's Request for Information into real community placements**
- **34 consumers placed in the community in SFY 2005**
- **Approximately 200 residents still meet Olmstead criteria; flexibility of new waiver should accelerate community placements**
- **Named Dr. Frank Farrell to replace Dr. Jerry Lyall (retired) at O'Berry Center and Dr. Alek Myers to replace Mike Hennike (current Interim Chief of State Operated Services) at Murdoch Center.**



Alcohol & Drug Abuse Treatment Centers

- **Worked with Center leadership and LMEs to modify mission of ADATCs to serve more acute population**
- **Continue to complete renovations at Walter B. Jones (Greenville) and Julian F. Keith (Black Mountain) to expand detoxification capacity.**
- **Recruiting for new directors at Keith and Roy J. Blackley (Butner) to replace retiring Bill Rafter and Carol Martin**



Other Institutional Changes

- **Rules approved by Commission for MH/DD/SAS to realign institution catchment areas to comply with new 3 region model**
- **Announced change in management of Whitaker School**
- **MR/MI consumers previously served at Whitaker to be served at Murdoch Center**



Other Transformational Activities



MH Trust Fund

- **\$6.9 M for LME implementation – facilitate mergers, transition expenses, one-time purchases of IT, telephone systems, etc.**
- **\$1.9 M Hospital Downsizing**
- **\$1.6 M Child MH Plan Implementation**
- **\$575 k Developmental Center Downsizing**



Other

- **Completed State Plan 2005**
- **Created an Advocacy Organization Database to improve venues for input from consumers, family members and advocacy organizations**



Questions?